

Dear Sir or Madam,

Before I write my request, I would like to excuse myself for any mistakes concerning the english language and/or the formal way of writing a letter in english, for I have not written one before.

My name is Frank Nydegger, I'm 18 years old and I am a student at the Kantonsschule Wohlen, Switzerland. The Kantonsschule forms an educational step that could be defined as preliminary phase to university and is compulsory for anyone wanting to attend one. In the third year of the Kantonsschule it is usual, that students attend a so called "project class", in which they write an essay, which serves as preparation to future essays, with the main focus lying on scientific research and organisation of such essays, but also the ability to say something relevant without writing too much.

I for one have chosen the topic "60s and 70s in the USA". In the context of this topic I have decided to write an essay about american soldiers that served in the Vietnam War. The focus should lie mainly, although not exclusively, on the soldiers, their life before and after the war and how they experienced the Vietnam War itself.

In my opinion it would be pointless, yes even impertinent, to write such an essay without consulting the men which fought in this war. But the geographical circumstances prevent me from talking to anyone that was evolved in the Vietnam War. So I informed myself about veteran associations and found the VVA. Because I did not know who to adress my request at, I decided to write you. I would be very thankful for any help and information, that you or your association could provide.

The main reason I am writing this mail, is that I would like to interview 3 or 4 men with different backgrounds on how war influenced their lifes and how they experienced war. Because I do not have any relation or contact with a person that has served in Vietnam War, I thought that you might be able to help me finding somebody who has served in Vietnam War and would be willing to answer some questions. It is not my intention to glorify Vietnam War, neither to criticise or even condemn it. I would only like to find out more about the men who fought in

it, for I think they hold memories that should not be forgotten.

If I should address my request at somebody else, or if you are not interested in accepting my request, I would be thankful if you could simply write me so.

I hope, that I am not causing any inconvenience and I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read this message, whether it will result in cooperation or not.

Respectfully,

Frank Nydegger